



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
Department of Planning and Development Services
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Ray Williamson
Arizona Corporation Commission

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Dear Ray,

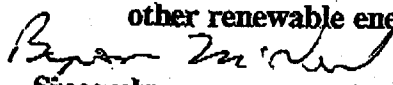
Please put the White Mountain Apache Tribe on the Agenda for the March 5, 2004 EPS Work Meeting. The Tribe would like to support:

1. Increasing the Environmental Energy Portfolio Funding Levels to support the construction of a Biomass power plant on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation
2. Elimination of the EPS expiration date to allow the Tribe and other entities to be able to secure long-term markets for the sale of our Biomass energy and to enable us to secure long-term funding to construct the power plants.
3. Allocation of funding among various technologies that would include Biomass energy. This would enable Biomass to benefit from the funding just as solar does and would greatly enhance the financial viability of this technology.
4. Whether or not Arizona can and should increase its commitment to renewable energy by increasing the surcharge and portfolio percentage. The Tribe supports increasing the surcharge and the portfolio percentage as a way to enable the Tribe and other entities to develop Biomass energy and other renewable forms of energy. The Tribe recognizes that both the surcharge and the percentage increase in the portfolio increase need to be modest to avoid creating an economic hardship on residential, commercial and other users of electricity in the State of Arizona.
5. Review the requirements for the phase-in of renewable technologies in AAC R14-2-1618 B3. Review whether the approach of state percentages is still justified and if so, whether those percentages should be reconfigured.

The Tribe feels that this subject needs to be reviewed to insure that it best meets the needs of the various Tribal and Non-Tribal Communities who live within the State of Arizona.

6. Consideration of inclusion of new and emerging technologies as part of the review of the appropriate resource mix.

The White Mountain Apache Tribe is primarily interested in the development of Biomass energy with the reduction of the State of Arizona commitment to any other renewable energy source.


Sincerely,

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